

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12
AREA: Oliver vicinity

SURVEY NO.: B-3968
MAGI NO.: 0439683701

ADDRESS: 1220 E. Oliver St.
CURRENT NAME: Truck Co. 5 and Engine Co. 19



BLOCK: 1123 LOT: 17 LOT SIZE: 92' x 92' x 94' x 34'
HEIGHT: 2 Stories MATERIALS: Brick/Terra cotta
CONDITION: Good OWNER: Mayor & City Council of Baltimore City
ADDRESS:
USE: Fire station ACCESSIBLE: Yes; unrestricted
DESIGNATION: LIBER/FOLIO: RO 2099-251

HISTORIC NAME: Truck House No.5
DATE: 1905
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: /Frederick Decker & Son
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Renaissance Revival

DESCRIPTION:

Truck house 5, located at 1220 E. Oliver St. at the northwest corner of Oliver and Harford Ave. in Baltimore City, is a two-story rectangular brick and terra cotta structure on a granite foundation, and with a flat roof. The Harford Ave. facade is three bays wide. The first story is terra cotta in a coursed ashlar pattern, with rounded corners, a large, rectangular, recessed opening in each end bay, and a small doorway with transom and console keystone in the central bay. Above is a belt course and balustrade. The second story is iron spot Roman brick in running bond, with recessed corners, double windows in the end bays, and a single window in the central bay. Above is a full entablature with pressed metal architrave and modillioned cornice, and a brick parapet. The Oliver elevation is of Roman brick, and is seven bays wide. The first bay from right proper is set at an angle and has a large rectangular door in the first story and a tripartite window in the second story. There are single windows in the third and fifth bays from right proper, and double windows in the second, fourth, and sixth bays, in both stories. The seventh bay is rounded terra cotta on the first story, with a balustrade above and recessed corner on the second story with a single window. The entablature and parapet match the facade. Each window has one over one double hung aluminum sash and stone lintels with projecting keystones. All second story bays are divided by pilasters.

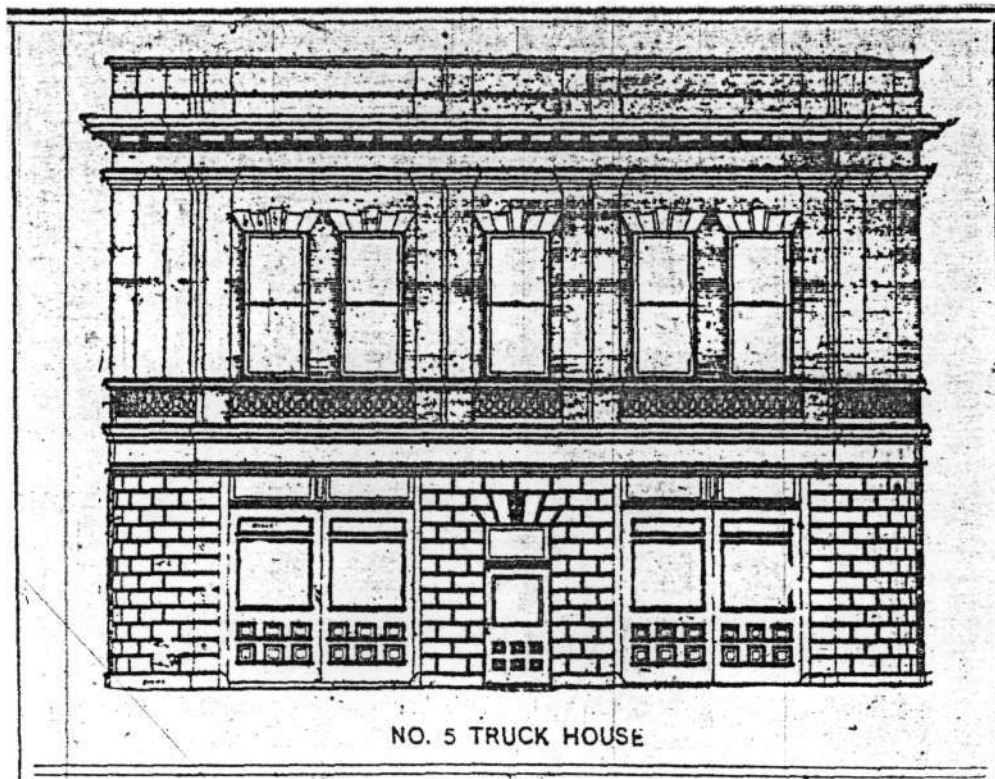
SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Truck house 5 is a well preserved and still functioning example of early Baltimore fire houses, modeled closely on Engine house 23 on Saratoga st. that was the fire chief's headquarters. The company was organized and placed in service on 4-1-1887 on the east side of Aisquith St. between Oliver and Hoffman Sts. This building had only one truck exit, so when expansion was necessary, in 1904, the present station was erected for \$28,098. The north and west elevations were to have dark red brick and white mortar, while the south and east elevations had Roman bricks with colored mortar. The first story facade, on Harford Ave., was of terra cotta. All door sills, fender blocks and bases of the fronts were to be of Woodstock granite, with ten cut work on the surface. The roof was of hand-dipped tin. Inside, the first story was to have enameled bricks, of chocolate color to the window sills, and cream color to the ceiling, which was of stamped steel. The second floor was to be plastered, with architrave trim around all openings and a stamped steel ceiling. On 11-27-1905 Truck Co. 5 moved in and on 1-1-1908 Engine Co. 33 was placed in service in this building.

SOURCES: Murray, The Unheralded Heroes, pp.20,50; Fire comm. report, 1908; Archives, Rg 32 S1 Box87 #249.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, August, 1987



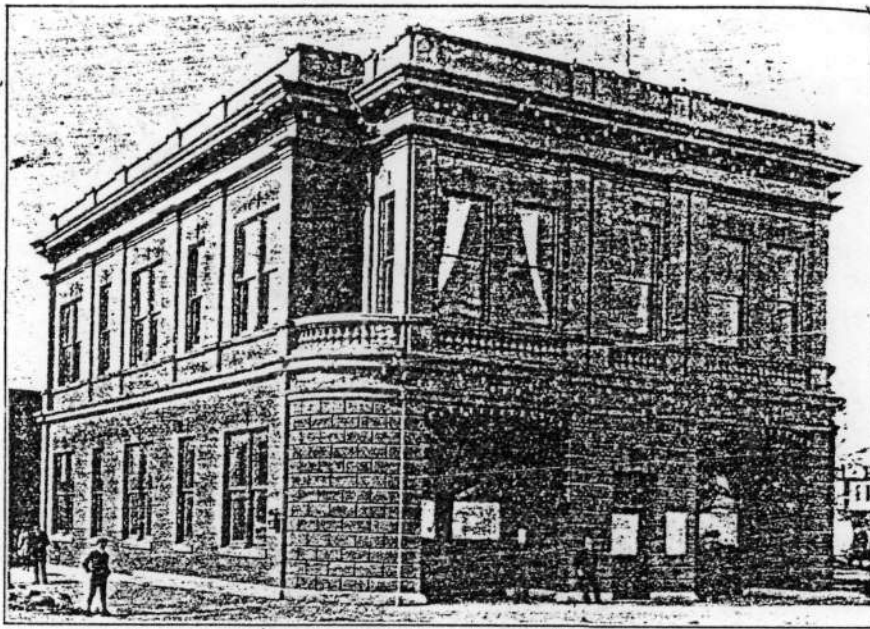
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The Sun, Baltimore, September 5, 1904, p.8, col.4-5.

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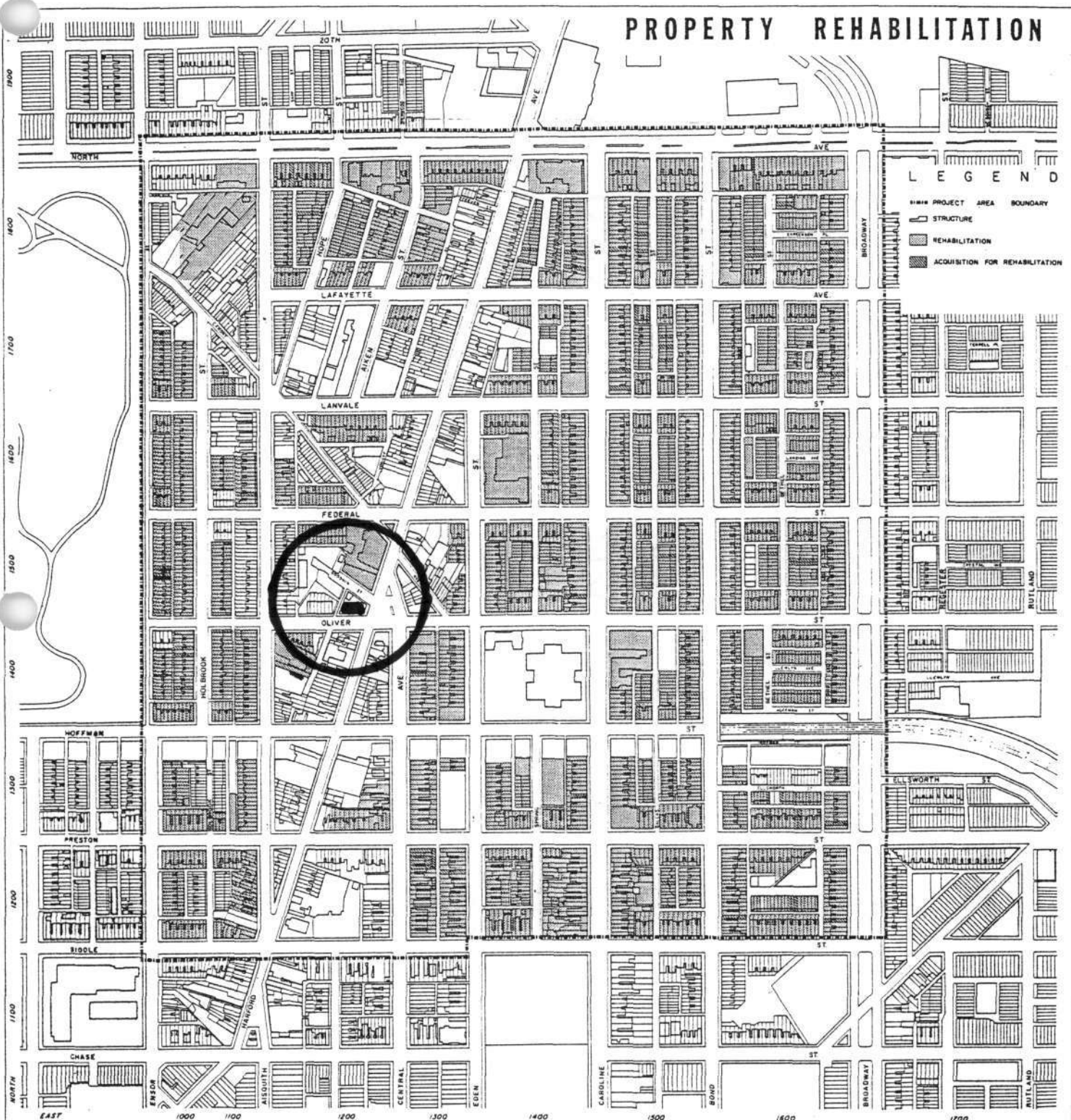
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ERECTED BY
FREDERICK DECKER & SON, CONTRACTORS
AND BUILDERS
1209-1211 E. Biddle Street, BALTIMORE, MD. C. & P. Tel., Wolfe 1394.

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Baltimore City Directory, 1906, p.1358.



OLIVER NDP

PLANNING DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

PROPERTY REHABILITATION

DATE: 1/1/70	APPROVED BY: [Signature]	MD A-1
DRAWN BY: [Signature]		ND 401-4
EXHIBIT		

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GIS data Courtesy of the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS

This is a detailed black and white street map of the Greenmount neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland. The map shows a grid of streets including North Avenue, Bond Avenue, Broadway, and Washington Avenue. Key landmarks such as Greenmount Cemetery, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Gompers Vocational School are labeled. A specific location is marked with a box labeled 'B-3968' near Hoffman Street. The map also shows a tunnel and various parks.



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1220 East Oliver Street

Baltimore, Maryland

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East elevation

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Southeast corner view

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Interior, ceiling

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